



FI Newsletter



The Town of Fenwick Island

800 Coastal Highway

Fenwick Island DE 19944

Summer 2009

Spring has sprung! The daffodils at the entrance to our town not only welcomed you into Fenwick but also were absolutely beautiful this year. Again I want to thank the Barefoot Gardeners for donating the bulbs and for all their hard work planting them.

I also want to welcome our new Town Manager, Win Abbott. Win is a native Delawarean with lots to offer our town. Please stop in to say hello and to introduce yourself.

If you have been away from Fenwick Island for the winter, you will notice some pleasant changes. The town sign at the north end has been replaced and is surrounded by native plantings. The previous sign has been restored and is hanging in Villalon Hall. Peek in and take a look at it! Also, most of the old green street signs have been replaced with white posts and blue signs which are much easier to read and certainly more attractive.

Parking passes will be available for pick-up on or about May 1st. The packet also includes a voter registration form and other important information for Fenwick property owners. You **MUST** register in order to be eligible to vote in the general election on August 1. And don't forget to visit the town website (www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov) to keep up to date with meetings and activities that happen here all year round.

Summer is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Plan to visit the Fenwick Island Farmers Market and the Old Fenwick Island Days activities in town and at the Fenwick Lighthouse. Look inside this publication for more information. Have a great summer with family and friends and be safe!

Audrey Serio, Mayor & Council President

PARKING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

Parking Passes must be used on all streets May 15 to September 15. Property owners can pick up passes at Town Hall M-F 8AM–4PM and on weekends and holidays 9AM–3PM.

Visitor passes are sold at Town Hall during regular business hours and on weekends and holidays 9AM–3PM. The sale of a parking pass does not guarantee a parking space.

Town Manager's Report



What an honor and a pleasure it is to be here! I look forward to meeting each of you in the weeks and months to come. Everyone that I've met has been so kind and gracious – their manner speaks volumes about the character of this town and the staff that serves its citizens with such dedication.

I have spent a lifetime on Delaware's beaches and bays. I've spent many years serving my community through civic organizations, churches and small town government, too. You can expect that I will be friendly and responsive in my service to you. I have seen government in action throughout Delaware. In both large and small towns, there is nothing that I have seen that compares to the participation and support offered by the citizens of Fenwick Island. Your continued support is critical to our success. Volunteer efforts add value to our community while keeping the costs down.

As we move into the Summer season, I want to offer a few reminders. Please drive carefully on the streets of Fenwick Island. Our family and friends will be walking along the same roads on which we drive. Safety on our beaches is very important, too. Be mindful of surf conditions and offer a word of thanks to the lifeguard staff. They are always ready to risk their lives to protect you and your loved ones.

Bulk trash pickup is on June 8, 9 and 10. Twice a week trash pickup begins in May. Please note the restrictions regarding the disposal of yard waste and construction debris. If there is any problem with service, you may contact Moor Disposal at 302.945.7824.

Thank you, in advance for all that you do for our town this Summer season.

Win Abbott, Town Manager

Charter & Ordinance Committee

The Charter and Ordinance Committee continues to meet the first Tuesday of each month. Currently we are working on a review of the Town's Charter and on current ordinances for possible update. New items being considered include renewable energy devices, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and other devices. Measuring the height of building and zoning regulations in the commercial area are under consideration as well.

Bill Weistling, Council Member

Environmental Committee

It is wonderful to see how many households are taking part in the curbside recycling program. Residents and visitors are doing a great job of recycling, but we have heard that now and then trash gets into the recycle bucket. Just a little reminder that plastic bags, paper (of all types), corrugated cardboard, cereal box type cardboard, glass and plastic bottles can be recycled.

Do you want to compute your carbon foot print? There are several ways given on the various websites. One is on CBF web at www.cbf.org. To make the calculation you will need your lot size in square feet, miles that you drive per year and your monthly electric usage (43,560 sq ft equals an acre).

Did you know that you can get your electricity from wind power right from Delmarva Power? Everyone has the opportunity to choose your own electricity provider. By shopping around it is possible to get a percentage of you power as wind power and in some cases it may be cheaper than your local provider. We thank Chuck Welsh for the rain barrels that he has provided. We now have over twelve installed around town including those at Town Hall. If you have further questions contact Buzz Henifin buzbet1@verizon.net.

Fenwick Island Police Department

Recently there have been some concerns about emergency preparedness and what can be done to help you prepare for an emergency or disaster. The Fenwick Island Police Department has received a small number of cell phones and chargers that can be used to call 911 in an emergency. These phones are available to property owners who do not have a cell phone and do not want that added bill. These are available at no cost to you or to the Town. If you have a need, please contact me at 302.539.2000 and I will be glad to assist.

We also are making arrangements with the Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross to make a presentation at Town Hall on family preparedness.

Here are some helpful links for emergency preparedness:

www.dema.delaware.gov
www.redcross.org
www.FEMA.gov

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments on this or any other subject please call the station. If you need to speak with the officer on duty (24/7) call 302.542.8793

Chief William H. Boyden

BE PREPARED!

Emergency Preparedness Questionnaires—Commercial & Residential—available online at www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov/emergency%20information.htm

CRS Changes

Most of you are aware that the Town of Fenwick Island is a member of the *National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)* which provides federally backed flood insurance to encourage communities to enact and enforce floodplain regulations. The *Community Rating System (CRS)* is a part of the *NFIP* and provides incentives and tools to further flood prevention practices and requirements.

The goals of the *CRS* are to recognize, encourage, and reward, by the use of flood insurance premium adjustments, community activities beyond the minimum required by the *NFIP* that reduce flood damage to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the *NFIP*, and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Thus, the *CRS* provides insurance premium rate reductions to policy holders in recognition that their community activities work toward these three goals of reducing flood damage, supporting the insurance part of the *NFIP*, and pursuing a broad approach to floodplain management.

The Town of Fenwick Island has been rated a Class 8 *CRS* community which provides the Town's flood insurance policy holders a 10% discount on their flood insurance premiums. To learn how you may obtain additional discounts on your flood insurance premium, please contact me in Town Hall or by e-mail at pschuchman@fenwickisland.org.

Pat Schuchman, Building Official

Remembering Old Fenwick Island

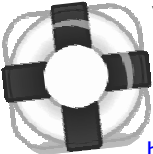
The Cultural and Historic Preservation Sub-committee has begun collecting oral histories from many of our senior residents. The following is an excerpt from the memories of Janet (Bunting) Lyons:

Janet Lyons lives only a few lots from the location of her grandparents' squatter cottage that she spent many summers in as a child. Her earliest memories are from around 1944. The cottage, named "Homeplace," was the the summer home for Janet and nine other members of her family. Some members of the family had day jobs. Those that did not would travel to Roxana every Monday to wash clothes, tend the garden, and harvest vegetables and chickens. The remaining food would be fish caught from the ocean surf and crabs from a rowboat in the back bay. Garbage was buried as was the outhouse waste. In the beginning the cottage had no heat, electricity, or running water. Lamps fueled by kerosene were the only source of light. Later, after electricity became available, a water tank was placed on the roof to provide "solar" hot water that was pumped to the house. During World War II the cottage shutters were closed at night and all lights were extinguished. Coast Guardsmen patrolled the beach by horse and foot to make sure no lights were visible.

Visit us for Old Fenwick Island Days (August 1 –8) and discover more about the history of our area!

2009 Junior Lifeguard Program

Session #1 6/30 - 7/2 Session #4 7/21 - 7/23
Session #2 7/7 - 7/9 Session #5 7/28 - 7/30
Session #3 7/14 - 7/16 Session #6 8/4 - 8/6

All sessions run from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Advanced Program begins July 8. Please call town hall for more information or download an application
 www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov/beach.htm



Workshops

Planning Commission sponsored workshop to explain Overlay Districts and their impact on commercial development. State of DE Office of Planning will give presentation.

**Saturday June 13, 2009
10:00 am to noon**

Fenwick Island Beach Patrol

Captain Tim Ferry and the FIBP are looking forward to another excellent beach season. Because many of our guards from last year are returning, we anticipate having another excellent and experienced staff. The FIBP will commence duty on Saturday, May 23 with coverage through Memorial Day weekend. Thereafter, the beach patrol will be on duty for the weekend of May 30-31 with full time coverage beginning on June 6 and extending through Labor Day. Weekend coverage will resume the following two weekends. As usual, the daily hours of operation will be 10 am–5 pm.

The FIBP will be assisting with the Town Bonfire again this year. Fundraiser T-shirts, bumper stickers and a 50/50 drawing will be available as well as games and music for both kids and adults. T-shirts will be available for sale beginning in May. Proceeds will help offset the cost for the USLA National Lifeguard Championships that will be held in Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more information regarding tax-exempt donations that can be made on behalf of the FIBP, contact Captain Tim Ferry (tferry@DMV.com).



Fenwick Island Farmers Market

The Fenwick Island Farmers Market has relocated to Coastal Highway at Essex Street next to the PNC Bank. Join your neighbors for fresh local produce shopping on Mondays from 8 am–noon beginning June 29 and continuing until August 31.

Please remember that parking regulations apply.

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking. Contact mageefarms@comcast.net

Town Election Changes

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE CHANGE BECAME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2008
ALL PERSONS WISHING TO VOTE MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2009
IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE AUGUST 1, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION


VOTER REGISTRATION

§ 13-21. In order to be qualified to vote in any election in the Town, a person or entity shall be registered to vote and meet the qualifications established in the Charter and state law.

§ 13-22. Registration information required. Persons desiring to register may do so in person at the Town Hall or by mail as provided in §13-31. Registration forms shall require the person's full name, birth date, present residence address within the Town (including street address and box number, if applicable) and the date when such person commenced his/her residence within the Town. Persons claiming the right to vote as a record owner of real property in the Town but not identified as such on the Town's tax records shall submit proof of such record ownership, showing the date such ownership commenced. Registrants shall provide the Registrar with appropriate proofs as provided in §13-28 hereafter. Registration is not complete until the application has been approved and accepted by the Registrar.

§ 13-23. Registration dates and times. Persons may register, by mail or in person, during normal business hours of the Town on every day of every month of every year except Saturdays, Sundays and Town holidays; provided, however, that Registration of qualified voters shall cease [June 30] preceding any general or [thirty days] preceding any special election, and recommence on the first hour of business on the next regular business day following the general or special election. If necessary for the performance of Registration or for the convenience of the eligible voters of the Town, the Board of Elections may designate additional days, Saturdays, Sundays or holidays as Registration days, provided that notice of Registration is given in at least one newspaper published in Sussex County, Delaware, and having general circulation in Town, not less than four days before the additional Registration days, and by posting a notice thereof in at least one public place in Town.

**To obtain a voter registration form, please contact Town Hall 302.539.3011
or email agnesd@fenwickisland.org**

Town Council	Council Calendar	Residential Trash Collection Schedule 2009	
<p>Audrey Serio Mayor, President of Council aserio@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Todd Smallwood Deputy Mayor tsmallwood@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Diane Tingle Secretary dtingle@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Gardner Bunting Treasurer gbunting@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Vicki Carmean vcarmean@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Bill Weistling wwleistling@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Chris Clark cclark@fenwickisland.org</p> <p>Win Abbott Town Manager wabbott@fenwickisland.org</p>	<p>Friday, May 29 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p> <p>Wednesday, June 17 • Nominations for Council Election Closes 4pm</p> <p>Friday, June 26 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p> <p>Tuesday, June 30 • Voter registration closes</p> <p>Friday, July 24 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p> <p>Saturday, August 1 • Town Election 1- 5pm</p> <p>Friday, August 28 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p> <p>Friday, September 25 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p> <p>Friday, October 23 • Council Meeting 3:30pm</p>	<p>Monday & Thursday Pick-up May 4 —September 24</p> <p>Monday only Pick-up September 28 —April 26</p> <p>Heavy Trash & Appliance Pick-up June 8, 9, & 10 September 9, 10, & 11</p>	
<p><u>Town Hall Phone Numbers</u> Phone: 302.539.3011 Fax: 302.539.1305 <u>Police Department Phone #</u> Phone: 302.539.2000 Officer on Duty 302.542.8793 Emergency: 911</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN EVENTS</p> <p>Sunday, July 5, 2009 • Town Bonfire 6:30 — 10:30 • July 6 Bonfire - Rain date</p> <p>August 1—8, 2009 Old Fenwick Island Days at the Fenwick Lighthouse and FI Town Hall</p>	<p><u>Curbside Recycle Schedule</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May—September pickup every Friday • October through April pickups are <u>first & third</u> Fridays only 	
		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shuffleboard League Contact Mary Wright 302.539.6697 for information.</p>	

Please Remember...
do not place trash or recycle containers out earlier than 24 hrs in advance and remember to put them away promptly within 12 hours after pick-up.

Reminder: The FI Lions Club aluminum can recycling bins will remain at both the beach ends and behind town hall. Please continue to support their cause.

